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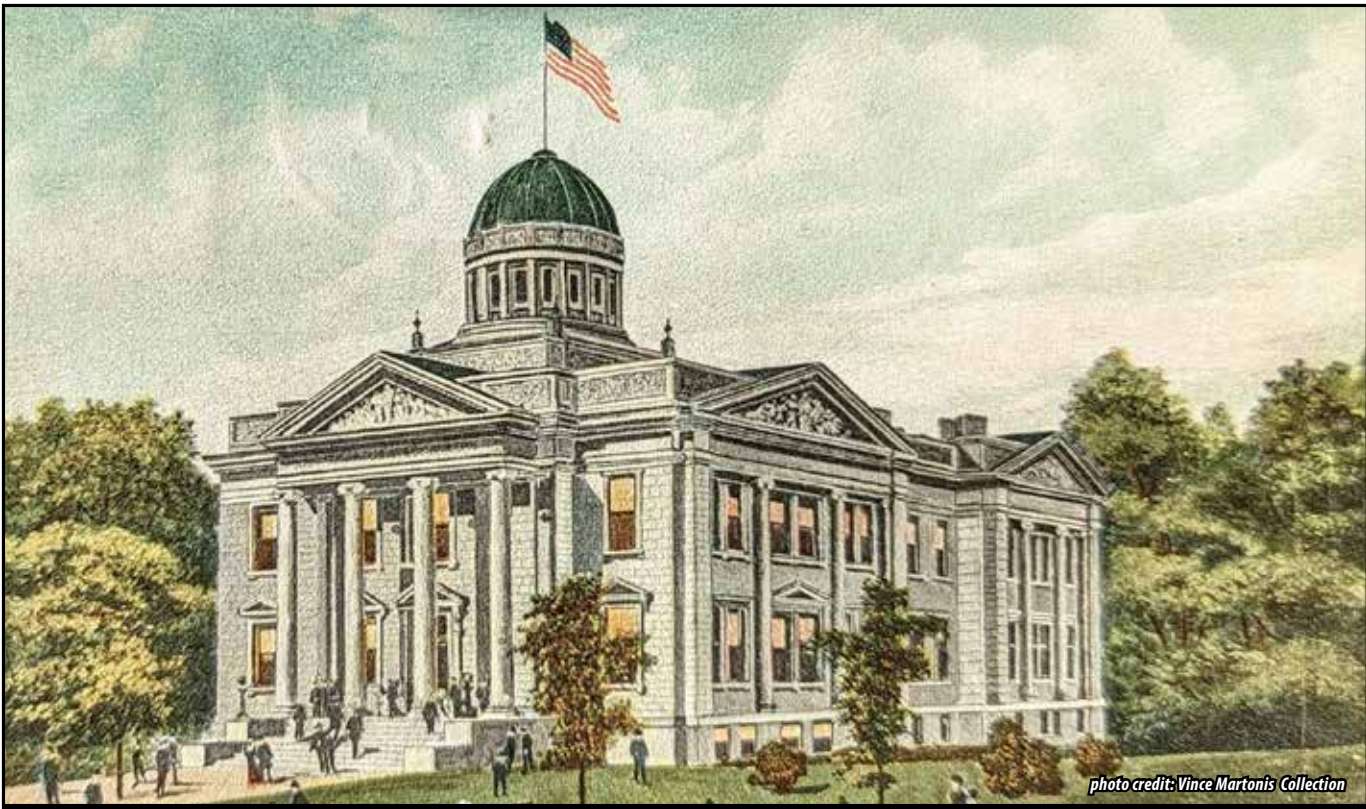
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CELEBRATE CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY



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Featured Writer

Norman Carlson

Chautauqua County Historian

Interest in history comes and goes. I remember the dramatic increase in historical interest in the years leading up to the national bicentennial in 1976. Many of our current local historical societies participating in this month's Expo had their birth in those years.

The Centennial International Exhibition (officially the International Exhibition of Arts, Manufactures, and Products of the Soil and Mine) was the first official world's fair to be held in the United States and coincided with the centennial anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. It was held in 1876 and may have marked America's most intense episode of historical interest. It was located in Philadelphia and ran from May through November. Adoniram

Stoddard, who lived where I live today, was one of the local people who took the train to Philadelphia to see the great event.

The excitement leading up to that centennial probably contributed to Chautauqua County's first mass formal celebration of local history. On June 11, 1873 an Old Settlers Reunion was held in Fredonia. It was centered on the

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INAUGURAL HISTORY EXPO: LEARN, EXPLORE, CHERISH

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Chautauqua County

Chautauqua County's historical museums, associations, and historians will come together in Jamestown, Aug. 23 for the inaugural Chautauqua County History Expo. The event will take place at Fluvanna Community Church (3363 Fluvanna

Ave., Jamestown) and feature more than 40 historical organizations from all corners of the county, along with some neighboring counties. Admission is free.

"This event offers a great opportunity to bring together historical objects, documents, and program information from a wide range of not-for-profit organizations, all dedicated to preserving and

promoting some aspect of the county's history. The wealth and breadth of historical collections in this county is really remarkable and we're excited to showcase them in this one-day event," said Norman Carlson, and program information from a wide range of not-for-profit organizations, all dedicated to

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

Cinema Series: F1:
The Movie | 7:30 PM
1891 Fredonia Opera House
Performing Arts Center | Fredonia
For Info: fredopera.org

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

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How To Train Your Dragon
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Reg Lenna Center for The Arts
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For Info: reglenna.com

**Virtual Foster Parent
Orientation**
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Virtual Meeting
For info: See pg 27 for meeting
login info

Music at the Point Sunset
Series: Tim Britt & Evan Laedke
6 PM - 8 PM
Point Gratiot Park | Dunkirk
For Info: https://www.cityofdunkirk.com/residents/festivals_events.php

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

Cardio Drumming | 9 AM
Dunkirk Senior Center | Dunkirk
For Info: 716-467-5306

**CHQ Chamber Golf
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Downtown Jamestown
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**Music on the Pier: Ion Sky/
Flipside | 6 PM**
Dunkirk City Pier | Dunkirk
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Free Third Thursday Concert:
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Jackson Outcome | 6 PM - 9 PM**
Winter Garden Plaza | Jamestown
For Info: chqchamber.org/events--news.html

Karaoke Night | 7 PM - 10 PM
Pearl City Hops | Jamestown
For Info: pearlcityhops.com/karaoke-nights/

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

**Chautauqua County History
Expo | 10 AM - 4 PM**
Fluvanna Community Church
Jamestown
For Info: CHQHistoryExpo.com

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Editorial with Lori Cornell

THE EXPO IS FOR EVERYONE



Owner & Publisher
Lori Cornell

I'll admit that I have never been much of a local history buff. When I stumble across information, I'm fascinated, and when my path crosses a local historian, I'm humbled and awed by their dedication toward preserving our culture and heritage. But again, I'll admit that I don't do a very good job of seeking out the many educational opportunities so fortunately available to us to study our local history. (Please note said "opportunities" on page 18-19!!)

If you're like me and endeavor to do better, this weekend is your chance! The Inaugural Chautauqua County History Expo will provide a one-stop-shop, user-friendly experience for both well-honed history buffs and average Joes and Janes like me. You don't need to have fancy degrees and historical certifications or a well-built foundation of knowledge as some do - you simply need to possess a healthy appreciation and

curiosity for our roots and this great place we love to call home. Exercise your mind and give it a go this Saturday. Note especially the "inaugural" reference and come be a part of something new, exciting and invaluable in Chautauqua County. Your attendance also helps to keep history museum doors open and local research efforts strong. Our history is rich and vibrant, and so, therefore, important to maintain and grow our firm foundations of knowledge and traditions.

Let's not forget to give kudos to the aforementioned historians that not only made this edition possible, but are among the many dedicated professionals who work so hard every day to keep our history alive and our futures so promising in Chautauqua County. Thank you to Joni Blackman, executive director of the Fenton History Center; Norman Carlson, Chautauqua County historian; Jason Sample, president of the Chautauqua County Historical Society; Vince Martonis, director of the Hanover History Center and the Gazette's historic photograph contributor; and Michelle Henry, retired Chautauqua County historian. As some of our county's most meticulously superior professionals, you are truly a special breed! Your passion is inspiring and enthusiasm for our community's history is contagious.

Again, find and follow them to the Expo!

Inaugural History Expo: Learn, Explore, Cherish

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preserving and promoting some aspect of the county's history. The wealth and breadth of historical collections in this county is really remarkable and we're excited to showcase them in this one-day event," said Norman Carlson, Chautauqua County Historian..

The event is being coordinated by the County Historian's Office, along with a committee of dedicated volunteers representing various historical groups from across Chautauqua County.

The participants include historical and genealogical societies, libraries, heritage and preservation associations, and local historians. Each of the participants will feature unique and fascinating artifacts relating to their local history. From the Barcelona Lighthouse to the Bemus-Point Stow Ferry, the Jamestown Trolley Car #93 Project, and the many local historical societies, nearly every community in the County will be represented. A complete list of all participants can be found at CHQHistoryExpo.com.

There will also be four separate lectures focusing on local and regional history, scheduled to take place throughout the day. Starting at 11 a.m., a lecture focusing on The 200th Anniversary of the Erie Canal will be presented by Ray Wigle, Director of the Erie Canal Discovery Center. Then, at 1 p.m., author Christopher Carosa will present a lecture entitled "History Unleashed: Lafayette's Remarkable Tour of the Greater Western New York Region." Following that presentation, a lecture entitled "A.W. Anderson: Advertiser, Prohibitionist, Historian" will be provided at 2 p.m. by Andrew

Kolstee from the Fenton History Center. Finally, at 3 p.m., Paul Fardink of the Chautauqua County Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will present on Revolutionary War soldiers buried in Chautauqua County and the S.A.R. Patriot Marker Burial Program.

To help cover costs associated with the History Fair and to secure funding for future related events, a basket raffle will take place with 30 various baskets available to win, with many of them featuring items donated by local history groups. In addition, Fancher Chair has donated a customized rocking chair featuring the Chautauqua County seal for the door prize.

The Chautauqua County History Expo is modeled after the county's Bicentennial History Fair, which took place in Mayville in 2011, along with a follow up History Fair that occurred in 2016. A similar event was tentatively scheduled for 2021 until the COVID 19 pandemic put plans on hold.

The History Expo will take place on Saturday, August 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no cost to attend and there is plenty of free parking. Food and beverages will also be available for purchase. The event is made possible by funding secured through the Chautauqua County Historian's Office.

Volunteers are still needed to help with the set up and assisting with various tasks during the day. For more information on the History Fair, to volunteer or make suggestions, or to register as a participant free-of-charge, contact the County Historian's Office at (716) 753-4857 or email CarlsonN@chqgov.com.

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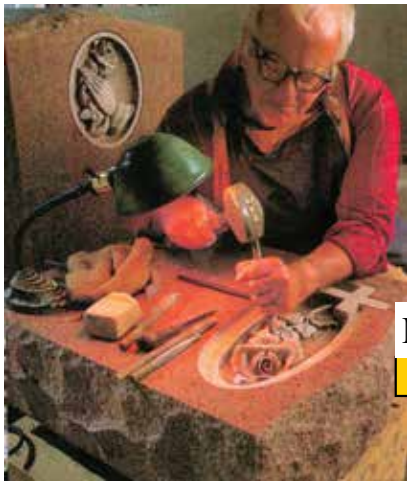
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know it is part of a tree."*

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Faith Matters

From Negativity Bias to Positive Vision: The Power of Reframing



Featured Writer
Rabbi Zalman Vilenkin
Chabad of Chautauqua

Have you ever noticed how a single criticism can echo in your mind for days, while a compliment might fade in minutes? Or how one unpleasant experience can overshadow a dozen happy ones? It's almost as if our minds keep a magnifying glass for the bad and a blindfold for the good.

Psychologists call this phenomenon the **"negativity bias."** It means that negative experiences, emotions, or memories weigh more heavily on us than positive ones, even when both are of equal intensity. On one hand, this is part of our nature — noticing danger and remembering mistakes could keep us alive. However, it often traps us in a mindset that focuses more on what's wrong than on what's right.

Judaism's Perspective: Nature and Nurture

Judaism acknowledges that part of this tendency is built into human nature for self-preservation. But more importantly, it teaches that much of it is learned — the product of environment, habit, and the stories we tell ourselves. That's encouraging news: if a bias is learned, it can also be unlearned. And if we can unlearn a negative bias, we can replace it with a **positive bias** — a way of seeing the world that looks first for the good, the meaningful, and the hopeful.

Reframing: Changing the Lens

One practical tool for doing this is called reframing. In psychology, reframing is the art of shifting the way we look at a situation, person, or ourselves, so the meaning changes — and with it, our response. Like swapping a dark, scratched lens for a clear one, reframing can suddenly reveal opportunity where we once saw only frustration.

Judaism is rich in this practice. Many of our greatest teachers have mastered the ability to take a challenging circumstance and help someone see it not as a dead end, but as a doorway.

A Story of One Word That Changed Everything

When Sheindel Itkin was 14 years old, a new advanced girls' high school opened in her neighborhood. Her parents encouraged her to attend. But Sheindel, not wanting to be the "test case" for an unproven school, resisted. She preferred the established institution in the district and was adamant in her refusal.

Disappointed, her parents urged her to write to the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, for guidance. Reluctantly, Sheindel agreed — and ended her bold letter with the defiant line: *"I do not want to be a guinea pig."* A few days later, a reply arrived. The Rebbe had returned her original letter with one small but powerful change. In his own handwriting, he had crossed out the words *"guinea pig"* and replaced them with the Hebrew word *"chalutzah"* — meaning "pioneer."

Sheindel later described her reaction:

"Chalutzah? You're telling me to be a pioneer? I'll climb the mountain, I'll forge the river, I'll do anything! The Rebbe knew how to speak to a teenager with one word — a word that touched the core of my identity: my need to be unique, to be special, to be different, to forge new paths. Of course I went to the new high school. We became the 'pioneer' class."

That single word didn't just change Sheindel's school choice. It shaped the rest of her life. She stayed deeply connected to that school, eventually becoming its principal — a role she held for 50 years until her retirement.

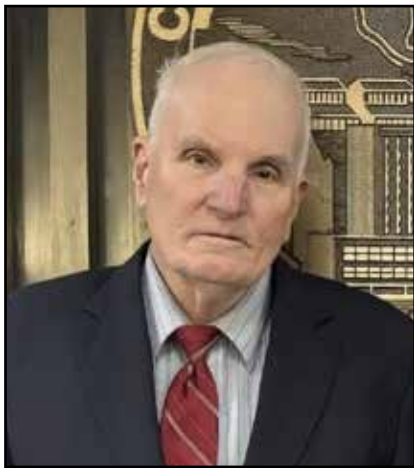
The Lasting Lesson

This story is more than a charming anecdote; it's a masterclass in reframing. With one word, the Rebbe turned an image of being experimented on into one of leading the way. The situation hadn't changed — but its meaning had. And that made all the difference.

Our lives are filled with moments when we can make the same shift. We can choose to see ourselves not as victims of circumstance, but as active participants in a larger story. We can train ourselves to catch the good before the bad, to search for opportunity in the very places we feel resistance.

When we practice this, life doesn't just feel lighter — it becomes richer, more purposeful, and more aligned with the vision of who we truly are. Because in the end, the frame through which we see the world becomes the world we live in.

THE 2025 CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY HISTORY EXPO HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



Featured Writer

Norman Carlson

Chautauqua County Historian

By law, every village, city, town, and county in New York State is required to appoint an historian. These historians can be your portal and introduction to information about ancestors, your house or other buildings, cemeteries and burial locations, and interesting events or people you have heard about or wonder about. At least six of the county's official historians will be present at the Expo.

You may have old photos, textiles, china, or letters that have come down in your family or that you found in your attic. Representatives of at least 12 local museums will be present to tell you if they accept material like yours or they can refer you elsewhere.

Have you ever wondered if one of your ancestors played some interesting role in history? Would you like to join an organization that especially appreciates something you share in family heritage? The Daughters of the War of 1812 recruits descendants of a conflict that helped shape our nation and that included minor skirmishes in Chautauqua County and a major battle off nearby Erie, Pa. The Sons of the American Revolution has long been active in local parades and in recent years has erected historical markers for Revolutionary War veterans at many local cemeteries. The Thule Lodge celebrates and keeps alive the more recent heritage and memories of Swedish immigrants.

Genealogy, the tracing of family history, has always been a popular hobby. Today it is more accessible and easier to get started in than

ever. Three long established and very capable genealogical societies will be present at the Expo and eager to help you at any stage of your research.

If you are fascinated by technology and machinery and the history of thought and effort that went into making today's world, the Expo has several organizations you would find of interest. The Lucile M. Wright museum is all about aviation. Chautauqua County has a rich aviation history going back to the first balloon ascension in Jamestown in 1861, the first airplane fly over in 1911, and the first local jet landing in 1959. The Car 93 Project is the ultimate hands on restoration effort bringing back the nostalgia and romance of the county's once extensive electric rail network. And the Antique Equipment Association delves into tractors, engines, agricultural and electrical equipment, and tools among other material realities of our forefathers' lives.

The Busti Historical Society, known primarily for the Apple Festival, one of our county's oldest and most popular history and craft fairs, centers around the historic grist mill on its property. The society is looking for people to learn to run the mill and produce specialty stone ground flours and meals.

The National Comedy Center is an attraction known the world over. It now acts as a repository for the papers and mementos of many nationally known comedians of recent history.

Cemeteries and libraries address the past at a far more serious level and you may recognize a responsibility to support one of them and talk with representatives present.

The History Expo truly has something for people of all ages and all walks of life.

The 2025 Chautauqua County History Expo, is taking place Saturday, Aug. 23 (10a.m. to 4p.m.) at the Fluvanna Community Church. It is free and open to the public. More information available at CHQHistoryExpo.com and on Facebook.

WALKING FOR A CAUSE, FOR MORE THAN 100 YEARS

Featured Writer

Michelle Henry,

Research Historian

The idea of walking or running to raise awareness for a cause is nothing new. As a matter of fact, several famous walkers came through Chautauqua County more than 100 years ago, when ultra-marathon walking was a source of fascination and was covered heavily by the popular press. These walkers were some of the world's first mass-market stars, gaining international celebrity.

Edward Payson Weston, born in 1839, was largely responsible for the rise in popularity of "pedestrianism" in the 1860s. At the peak of his career, Weston was one of the most famous people in the English-speaking world. It all began in 1860, when Weston and a friend made a bet that if Abraham Lincoln won the Presidency, Weston would walk from Boston, Mass to Washington DC in ten consecutive days. His friend would do the same if Lincoln lost. Weston recalled later, "I was not aware, at the time, that I possessed any great locomotive powers," let alone the ability to walk the 478 miles.

When Lincoln won, Weston decided that "since I was fool enough to make the agreement, I will be man enough to fulfil it." Weston traveled an average of 50 miles per day during his trek. He completed his walk in 10 days, four hours, and 12 minutes, missing Lincoln's swearing in ceremony, but in time for the inaugural ball. Weston was introduced to President and Mrs. Lincoln. His feat and the publicity it generated lead him to a life of walking. Weston participated in more than 1,000 professional events in a walking career that spanned nearly seven decades.

In April 1910, at age 72, Weston walked through Chautauqua County, stopping at the home of J. C. Hale, 3 miles west of Westfield at 8 AM. There he had lunch and a nap, afterwards walking into the village for a hearty welcome from a crowd that lined Main Street. Then, accompanied by John Booth, a Civil War veteran who was also 72 years old (and my 3rd -great grandfather), proceeded on his journey east. He was given warm welcomes at Brocton and



Submitted Photo

Edward Payson Weston.

in Fredonia spoke at the Opera House (because he had lived in Fredonia 40 years earlier).

On a later trip through the county, Weston's crew automobile got stuck in the mud near Sugar Grove, PA. Desiring to stay on schedule, Weston continued on alone. The next day he wrote, "Lost. One automobile, one chauffeur, and one trained nurse, incidentally several suits of underclothes, three pairs of boots, dozen pairs of socks, two dozen handkerchiefs, one oilskin coat, and one straw hat. Last seen in Jamestown, New York."

Another walker who trekked through this county was Minta Beach. On April 10, 1912, Minta (Mrs. David) began a walk from New York City to Chicago to prove that hard labor could be performed on a raw vegetarian diet and that women had the stamina to complete such a feat. Minta was coached by Edward Payson Weston. She aimed "to educate people about the right way of taking care of their bodies" which included exercise and vegetarianism. Mrs. Beach followed the NY Central and Lake Shore railroad lines along northern Chautauqua County, stopping for a day at the Rumsey residence in Westfield because she didn't walk on Sundays. Her diet consisted of apples, bananas, figs, prunes, raisins, fruit juice, uncooked grains, olive oil, salad and lemons. She completed the 1071 mile walk in 42 and a half days with an average of 25 to 30 miles a day.

Perhaps the world's supreme walker was Joseph Mikulec, born in Croatia in 1878. He claimed

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CHAUTAUQUA HISTORY IN MAYVILLE



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**The Chautauqua Town
Historical Society**

The Chautauqua Town Historical Society, founded in 1976, meets monthly from May to October with featured speakers in the Veteran's Memorial Meeting Room of the Chautauqua Town Hall. It also runs the Mayville Depot Museum, in the Lakeside Park, 16 Water St., Mayville, across from the Lakeview Bar & Restaurant and historic hotel. The museum is open 1-5pm Fri-Sat-Sun, during the summer season, Memorial Day to Labor Day weekends. While admission to the Museum is free, modest donations are appreciated. Annual, Sustaining and Lifetime memberships to the Historical Society are also available. The annual membership is just \$5 per year. The Historical Society meets monthly from May to October with featured speakers in the Veteran's Memorial Meeting Room of the Chautauqua Town Hall. This month's speaker is Jane Currie, local historian and photojournalist speaking on Point Chautauqua and its planner Frederick Law Olmstead. For more information see companion article in this issue.

The museum has been undergoing a "modernization" campaign. Grants have been received to move the museum "into the 20th century" with the installation of fiber optic, broadband, and ethernet for WIFI and the digital display of a series of short videos on various Mayville historical topics. This was "Phase One," made possible with grants from the



Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation, Lake Shore Savings, and DFT Communications. "Phase Two" will see an outdoor digital touchscreen video kiosk installed at the Depot. This will be a first for Chautauqua County, and will serve as information node for the entire Lake Chautauqua area. Many cities now have outdoor digital kiosks that become focal points of community interaction and socializing. Mayville's Depot kiosk promises to be just such an attraction. Looking for a restaurant, winery, lodging, entertainment, recreation, or maybe where to find the biggest muskie in the lake? The kiosk will be the place to go! Funding for the outdoor kiosk came from generous grants from the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation, the Chautauqua County Progress for Economic Growth, and the Village of Mayville.

The Museum houses numerous artifacts related to former Mayville residents and businesses. Its

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Mayville Depot Museum

16 Water Street • Mayville, NY
Open Memorial Day - Labor Day
Friday/Saturday/Sunday 1-5PM

Chautauqua Town Historical Society meets on the third Thursday each month, 7 pm, in the Veteran's Memorial Meeting Room, Chautauqua Town Hall, 2 Academy Street, Mayville, NY.



A WALKING TOUR OF POINT CHAUTAUQUA



The Grand Hotel, Point Chautauqua, New York, circa 1893

Contributed by
**The Chautauqua Town
Historical Society**

Join us for a video walking tour of Point Chautauqua, filmed and narrated by local historian, photo journalist and author, Jane Currie.

This will be the Chautauqua Town Historical Society's monthly meeting and lecture, Thursday, August 21 at 7 pm in the Chautauqua Town Hall, Veteran's Memorial Meeting Room, 2 Academy Street, Mayville.

Jane Currie, with her co-author Kathleen Crocker, has published five books on the Lake Chautauqua region with Arcadia Publishing, a major publisher of popular regional history and geography books. The first was *Chautauqua Institution, 1874-1974* (2001), followed by *Chautauqua Lake Region* (2002), *Jamestown* (2004), *Westfield* (2008), and most recently, *Legendary Locals of the Chautauqua Lake Region* (2013).

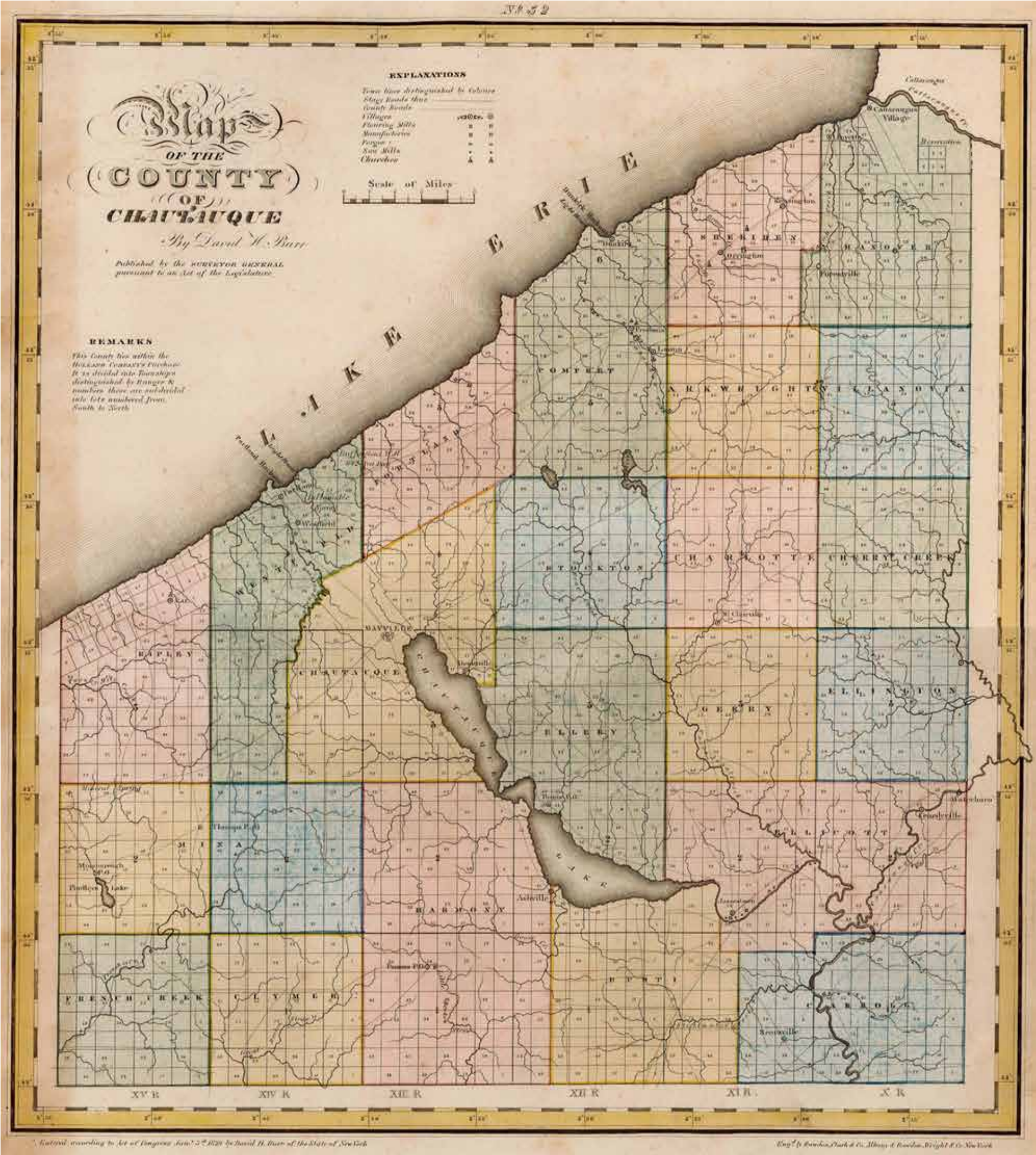
The video tour that Currie will be showing was actually shot in 1995, so this is the 30th anniversary. And it is led by Ford Cadwell, Currie's stepfather, a year before he passed away. Born in Point Chautauqua in 1904, into a family of farmers and cheese makers, Ford Cadwell lived in Dewittville, and started the Cadwell Cheese House in 1927. It is still going strong and managed by Currie today. Ford's father, Ward Cadwell lived in Point Chautauqua and besides running a livery stable and continuing the family craft of cheese making, he built many of the houses at Point Chautauqua.

While there is a wealth of fascinating history and lore surrounding the Lake Chautauqua region, Point Chautauqua stands out as a



planned community designed by Frederick Law Olmstead. Olmstead is recognized as the founder of American landscape architecture and America's foremost park builder. It is estimated that Olmstead, later joined by his sons, and their subsequent firm built more than 6,000 projects and parks. Starting in 1857, his first project was designing and building New York City's Central Park. A more auspicious start could hardly be imagined! But the total oeuvre he directed over the next four decades boggles the mind. It includes some 70 university, college, and prep school campuses, almost exclusively among the most prestigious institutions including Yale, Stanford, Harvard Business School, University of Chicago, Johns Hopkins, Wellesley, Smith, Oberlin, Phillips Andover, and on and on. The list of civic and private designs is no less impressive. To name a few, they include the Chicago's 1893 World Columbian Exposition, the United States Capitol Grounds, the National Zoo, the Biltmore Estate, and Buffalo's city park system.

Ford Cadwell will take us around Point Chautauqua, highlighting various houses, while offering anecdotes about the community's points of interest, various incidents, and some of its past residents.



1829 Map of Chautauqua County, courtesy of the Chautauqua County Historical Society

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HISTORY EXPO

11:00 AM

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ERIE CANAL



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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Ray Wigle has served as Director of the Erie Canal Discovery Center since 2013. He holds a MA in Human Communicative Behavior from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Ray was previously Director of Operations at Old Fort Niagara, and Director of Communication for the Niagara Falls Convention & Visitors Bureau. He also worked at Genesee Country Village & Museum and the Grape Discovery Center. Ray has been recognized by the State of New York for visitor-industry training programs and for a community awareness/public education program; and as a New York State tourism industry employee of the year.

1:00 PM

A.W. ANDERSON: ADVERTISER, PROHIBITIONIST, HISTORIAN

Arthur Wellington Anderson (1875-1949) served as Jamestown’s City Historian from the 1920s to the 1940s. He promoted local history through public talks, newspaper sketches, and published a history entitled Conquest of Chautauqua (1932). He championed Jamestown’s 1927 centennial celebration, worked with those installing the first historical markers by publishing the first marker book, and worked with the Chautauqua County Historical Society as county historian for a time. Born in Maine in 1875, Anderson’s varied career included photography, teaching, and advertising. He was an advertising agent when he first moved to Jamestown, was very involved in Jamestown’s prohibition activist circles, but he is mostly remembered as Jamestown’s City Historian. Despite his many contributions, he died in poverty in 1949 and is buried in an unmarked grave in Lake View Cemetery. This presentation examines his life, work, and legacy, along with current efforts to mark his grave on the 150th anniversary of his birth.



Arthur Wellington Anderson (1875-1949)

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Andrew Kolstee has been researching history and genealogy for 19 years. He has been the office manager at the Fenton Historical Society in Jamestown, since 2022. Prior to that, he served on the Fenton’s Board of Trustees from 2015 to 2022, including four years as Secretary. He has been a member of the Chautauqua County Genealogical Society since 2013, having served as a Trustee from 2018 to 2024. He has given numerous presentations on mostly genealogical research topics and has also conducted freelance genealogical research.

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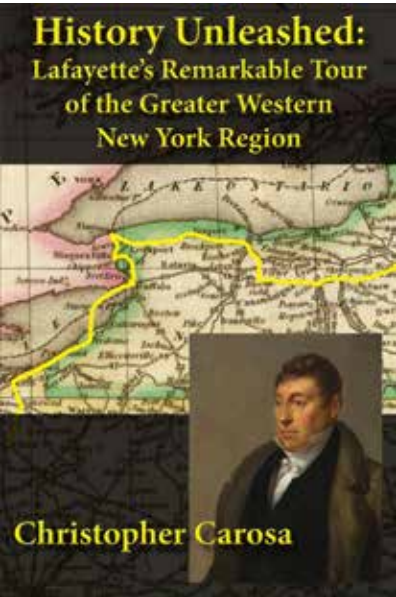
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NEW YORK TOUR AND
THE SPIRIT OF 1825

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Christopher Carosa is an award-winning writer, author of nine books, speaker, financial analyst, and deputy historian of Mendon, NY. He is President of Carosa Stanton and Asset Management, LLC, Chairman of the Bullfinch Fund, and a frequent contributor to national media. He also publishes the Mendon-Honeoye Falls-Lima Sentinel, writes for Forbes Online, and has been recognized for editorial and feature series work. His popular book Hamburger Dreams earned him the nickname “The Hamburger Historian” and led to nationwide speaking engagements.

Carosa’s works span history, business, and finance. He published History Unleashed: Lafayette’s Western New York Tour and the Spirit of 1825 America to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Lafayette’s visit to Western New York.



3:00 PM

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
REVOLUTIONARY WAR
PATRIOT MARKER
PROGRAM

The Chautauqua County Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, SAR, has partnered with the William G. Pomeroy Foundation in Syracuse, N.Y. who operates a historical “Patriot Burials Marker Grant Program.” To date, 15 Markers have been placed in Chautauqua County cemeteries to commemorate those patriots who fought in or were involved with the struggle for American independence. Part I of the presentation focuses on the description and demographic data of the 370 Revolutionary War Soldiers interred in county cemeteries. Part II displays numerous photographs of the various Markers and the dedication ceremonies which typically follow.



SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Paul Fardink is a retired U.S. Army Aviator and Lieutenant Colonel who enjoys researching Revolutionary War history. He is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He is the current Vice-President of the Chautauqua County Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and responsible for the Patriot Marker Program. He lives in Lakewood, N.Y.



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Lakewood Community Development Corporation Brings Music to Hartley Park

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Lakewood Community Development Corporation

Lakewood Community Development Corporation (LCDC) will conclude its Rock The Lake summertime concert series at Hartley Park in Lakewood this Sunday, Aug. 24, 2-5pm. LCDC worked hard to bring the community together for this unforgettable summer of live music and lakefront fun - all for FREE!

The series kicked off in July and boasted four concerts throughout the summer, featuring a dynamic lineup that has brought something for everyone. Concertgoers have enjoyed a relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere, from their boat or on the shore, with plenty of room to spread out, dance, and soak up the sun. Food trucks have also been on-site, providing local flavor. With Rock The Lake, LCDC has provided a space for neighbors to connect and the community to come enjoy the beautiful lakefront offered at Hartley Park.

Final Concert:

August 24 – Brass Transit – Chicago Tribute with opening act Furious George

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Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and their best summer vibes. No tickets or registration are required. For more information

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About the Lakewood Community Development Corporation:

The Lakewood Community Development Corporation is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in the Village of Lakewood, NY. LCDC played a key role in the 2004 Chautauqua Avenue Renewal Project, along with many other infrastructure improvements, including the new playground at Hartley Park. You can learn more about the LCDC at www.lcdcn.org

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Pat's Pen with Pat Locke

WHY COUNTY
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Contributing Writer
Pat Locke

Chautauqua County's history is more than dates and dusty records. Our history is the story of who we are; it honors the people who built our communities, preserves landmarks that tell our story and passes on lessons for the future. Knowing our past strengthens community bonds and helps guide decisions that shape tomorrow. By keeping our history alive, we keep our identity strong. Remembering pioneers, leaders, workers and everyday families honors their contributions and sacrifices, ensuring their stories are not lost over time.

Our county history provides lessons about resilience and innovation. Knowing the milestones, struggles and

victories of any county encourages residents to invest in its future. Historic districts, landmarks, museums, reenactments and festivals bring in revenue and attention, but more importantly, remind our residents and visitors of our roots, values and traditions. When a county like ours, with such a vibrant history embraces and nurtures it, we have a stronger foundation upon which to build and protect as we move into the future.

Many of you know me as a personal friend and as author of this special column, "Pat's Pen". But I also invite you enjoy my unique blog that features people, places, and preservation in our community. To those who already follow my blog, thank you. To those who might have interest, simply tap on the word, FOLLOW upon entering the blog site: offshoremuse2023.blogspot.com. I appreciate your help in increasing my readership.

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CHAMBER CORNER

Laser-Focused on Boosting Business

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Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce
President and CEO

Our mission at the CHQ Chamber is to build vital connections, provide professional resources, and champion our local businesses in Chautauqua County. We take that mission seriously, and work every day to provide services, opportunities, and programs that serve local businesses in a variety of ways. That means the CHQ Chamber works to create meaningful events that will drive customers to local businesses, develop workshops and disseminate information, and facilitate connections that improve professional relationships and build customer and vendor contacts and more.

Feedback from our members is crucial as the CHQ Chamber develops its work plan and schedule. This year we have done more to seek direct and helpful feedback than ever before. We have transitioned to a series of community-based business meetings where all local businesspeople are invited to tell us what they need and want. These sessions have been well attended in communities all across the county, and the input we have received has helped to inform our decision-making to create some new and beneficial projects.

When it comes to promoting our local businesses, the CHQ Chamber strives to help from the moment they open their doors. We have seen an uptick recently in ribbon cuttings for new businesses – helping them get off to a great start with some local publicity and a visit from local dignitaries. Recently we were happy to celebrate the grand opening of Backstage Laundrette in Mayville, Leafy Lounge in Jamestown, and Ivory Valley Farms in Frewsburg to name a few. Our big scissors and our Facebook live video streaming creates extraordinary visibility for start-up businesses.

Through our use of a platform that allows us to create gamified online passes, we are boosting local businesses in a new way. We currently have a coupon pass open for local businesses offering specials during the Babe Ruth 13-Year-Old World Series getting underway in Jamestown and have just launched the brand-new Chautauqua Coffee Crawl to promote small local coffee shops countywide.

At the same time, the CHQ Chamber

restructured its advocacy events this year, and has increased the number of Business After Hours networking events we offer. Last week we held our Elected Officials Luncheon, designed to provide an informative business conversation with our State and County representatives. Putting people in a room together to make business contacts and learn new skills is a key part of what we do. Our next networking opportunity is September 11th at Liberty Vineyards in Sheridan, and our next workshop will be September 16th at the Robert H. Jackson Center in Jamestown.

Small business owners and community leaders know better than anyone, you must constantly evaluate, analyze, and adapt for your organization to be effective and grow in the ever-changing environment around us. They say the only constant is change, and the CHQ Chamber continues to evolve to serve our local business community as effectively as possible. In this moment, we can confidently say we are providing services and programs that local businesses need and want. One newer local business told us their Chamber membership is “the most valuable service they have found as a new business.” One long-time volunteer noted, “having been involved in the Chamber for a long time I am so impressed with all you are doing now to specifically assist our small businesses.”

We are always interested in ideas or ways we can better serve our members. We urge you to come to a Chamber event to see what it’s about firsthand, and you can always email us directly at dheitenrater@chqchamber.org. Thank you for your continued participation and support of the CHQ Chamber and our local business community.

Jumpstart to Third Thursday is August 21

Third Thursdays in Jamestown are now even better with the addition of Jumpstart to Third Thursday, designed to get more people moving throughout downtown Jamestown to enjoy a plethora of local businesses. Jumpstart runs from 4-6pm with some additional offerings leading up to the free Third Thursday concert at Winter Garden Plaza beginning at 6pm. This coming week you’ll find two musical

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Walking for a Cause, For More Than 100 Years

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Mrs Beach

that a business in Croatia had promised him \$10,000 if he could walk 25,000 miles in five years and document his travels. He could not beg or accept handouts, but had to support himself by selling postcards with his picture on them.

Mikulec was a teetotaler and vegetarian whose 1908-1911 expedition across the United States was heavily covered by local newspapers. He wore a bright yellow and purple sweater, and carried a bugle and a knapsack in

which he kept a scrapbook filled with autographs and newspaper clippings. And well before Chuck Taylors or Air Jordans became famous footwear, a Boston area shoe company used Mikulec’s name and likeness to sell rubber soles.

In June of 1908, Mikulec traveled from Erie, PA into Chautauqua County. Accompanying him was a young Romanian woman, Anna Stiopu, whom he had met at a diner in Erie. They arrived in Westfield on June 20th and were married that day! Although they left Westfield as a married couple and continued on their journey eastward, when Mikulec filed for American citizenship in 1910 he indicated that he was single. Perhaps it was not easy to stay married to someone who spent from 1910 to 1923 walking through Australia, New Zealand, China, Japan, India, Egypt, the Holy Land, and South Africa.

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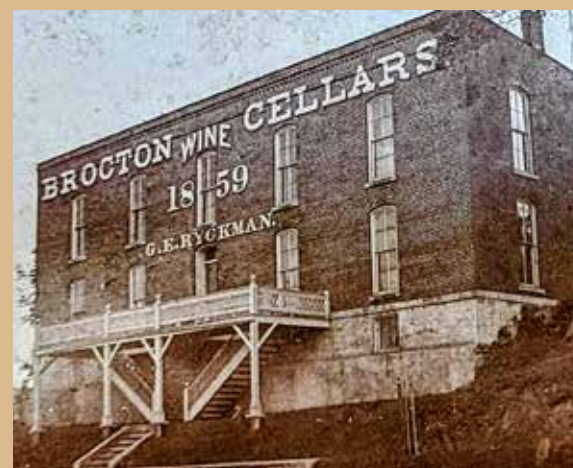
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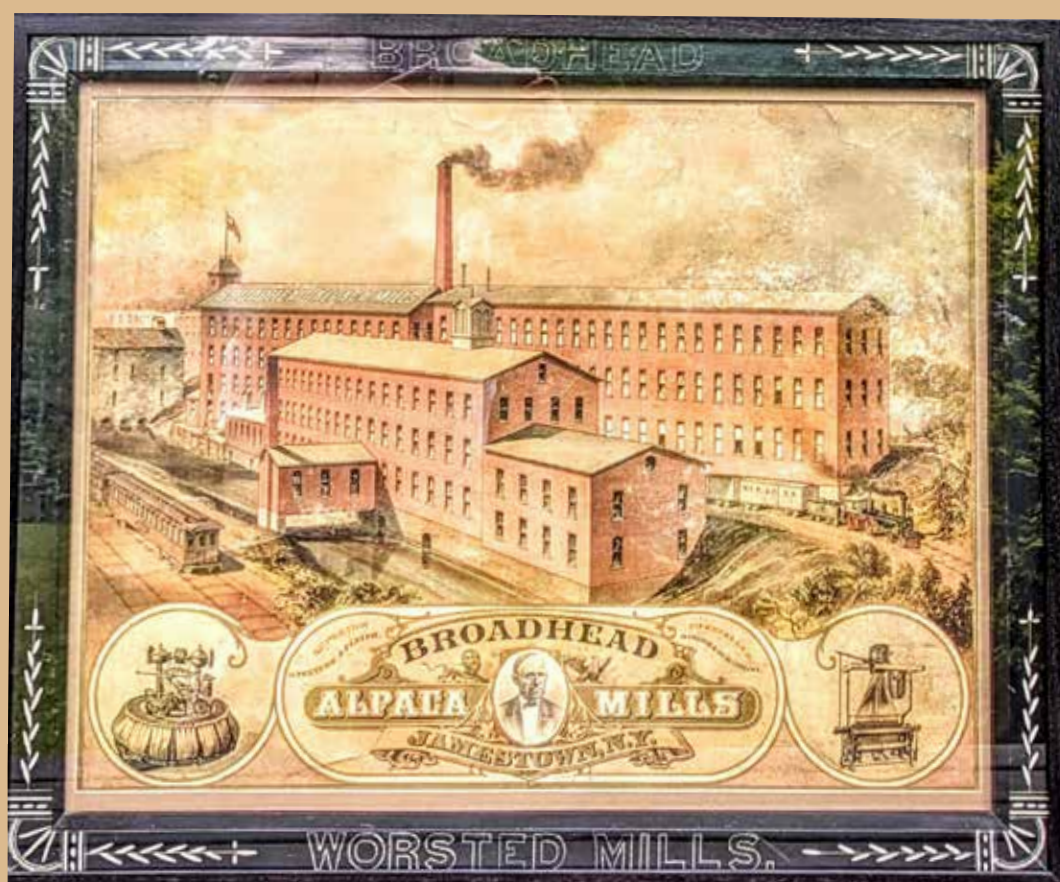
Brocton Wines, c. 1906.



Arkwright cheese factory at Burnham Hollow, c. 1905.



A full plate tintype of Findley Lake, c. 1875, very rare, taken by W. Sherman, Forestville & Westfield.



c. 1890 poster of the Broadhead Mills in Jamestown. Poster used as a display in the company office. A one-of-a-kind historic item.

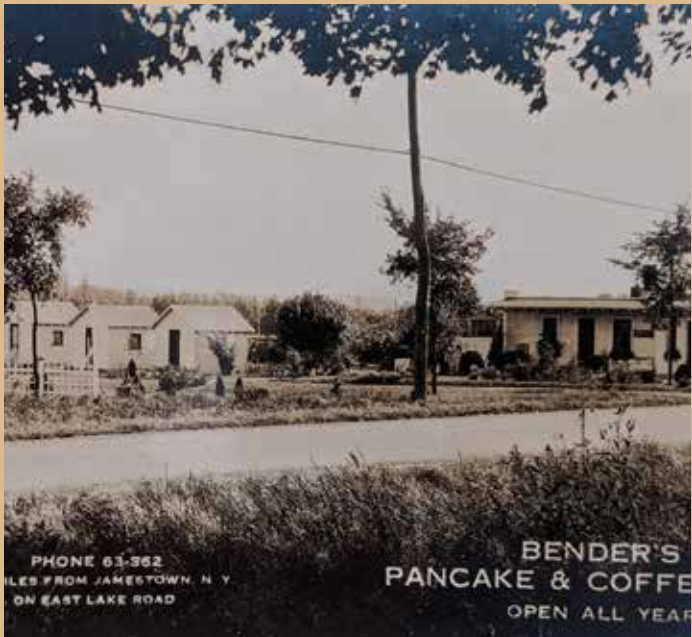
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Levant Grocery and bridge over Cassadaga Creek, c. 1906.



Pagoda at Lily Dale, c. 1906.



Bender's restaurant and tourist cabins near Greenhurst, c. 1925.



Class of Centralia-Ellery School District No. 5, located in Town of Stockton. 1933 photo courtesy of Walter Waite.



Advertising poster for the Olean Wine Co. in Dunkirk, c. 1910.



Sheridan general store and post office, c. 1908.



Footbridge and trolley bridge in Silver Creek, c. 1906.

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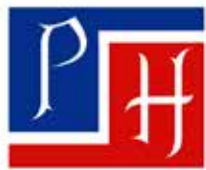
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Level: Beginner

CROSSWORD

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Resorts

5. One point south of southwest

9. Musical performances

11. Matched

13. Four-footed animal part

15. Express severe disapproval of

16. Type of leaf

17. Preparatory

19. Walk heavily

21. Succulent plants

22. Rectangle of grass

23. Lump in yarn

25. Too

26. Foot (Latin)

27. Afflicts

29. Smoothed

31. Mind (Greek)
33. Tampa ballclub

34. Semitic language

36. Sheltered sides

38. Ocean

39. Electronic point of sale

41. Thrust a knife into

43. 12th month (abbr.)

44. Ringworm

46. Father of Aoris (Greek myth.)

48. Fighting back

52. Cease to exist

53. Insects in adult stage

54. Freestanding sculpture

56. Caps

57. Repents

58. Brown and Wallace are two

59. Moved quickly

CLUES DOWN

1. Goes bad

2. Yard structure

3. They ____

4. Marine invertebrate

5. European river

6. Office supplies firm

7. Physically abused

8. Service stations in Australia

9. Kills

10. Liquid body substances

11. Particular to a given individual

12. Brave or noble act

14. Sicilian city

15. Conqueror

18. Elected officials

20. Type of “pig”

24. Drop of viscous substance
26. Monetary unit of Spain

28. Guarantees

30. Coloring materials

32. Reddish browns

34. Square measure

35. Will not

37. Canned fish

38. Appeared

40. Six (Spanish)

42. Took off

43. Negligible amount

45. Posts in a Greek temple

47. Witnesses

49. Phil ___, former CIA

50. Places to park

51. Guns

55. Dance to pop music



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year-round

Baker Commons, Fredonia

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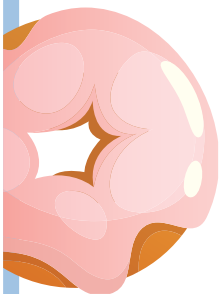
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Robyn Near Albright has written Jump on the Runnin’ Board, a memoir, as well as numerous other writing projects. She currently serves as editor of the Ripley Library and Town newsletters, has been a regular newspaper columnist, and is working on a new novel, yet to be titled.

How to Train Your Dragon to show at Reg Lenna Center for The Arts



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Celebrate Chautauqua County

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old pioneers, themselves, and featured dinners, speeches, and musical performances. A display of historic relics, as they were then termed, was a key point of interest (it makes any historian cry to read the list and wonder what became of these precious items). Another reunion followed in Forestville a few months later, then another in Jamestown on June 26, 1874, again including an artifact display. Four thousand people showed up for dinner; the only actual figure we have to gauge the extent of interest in these early events.

In any event, these reunions set the pattern when it was decided, in 1902, to hold a mammoth centennial celebration in Westfield, focusing on the first settlement of the county. The two-volume “Chautauqua County Centennial History” is a product of this celebration and contains a lengthy account, well worth reading. There were also parades, speeches, dinners, military exercises by Jamestown’s Fenton Guards, and music performances including a whistling solo. And there was a largest ever exhibit of early artifacts.

The 1902 centennial commemorated the then generally accepted initial settlement of the county by John McMahan, ignoring Amos Sottle at Cattaraugus Creek in 1796. I find people sometimes believe there is a standard, or right way, to reference an historical celebration, but anybody can celebrate any anniversary of any event they want. Jamestown, for example, celebrated the centennial of settlement in 1910, the centennial of the incorporation of the village in 1927, the

sesquicentennial of settlement in 1960, and the centennial of the elevation of the village to a city in 1986. In a technical sense, most town sesquicentennials are a year too early because they number from the date of the law creating their respective town, not the date it actually became effective.

In 2011, then county historian Michelle Henry and others decided to hold a History Fair, marking the bicentennial of Chautauqua County as a legal, formal, functioning civic unit. That was when the first officials took office, the first records were created, and the county government came into existence. They were inspired by the 1902 event, even though it celebrated first settlement rather than formal organization. The Fair was so well done and so well received, and participation was so enthusiastic, that interest developed for another. Rather than wait another 100 years, it was decided to try for five, and another event was held in 2016. This too was so successful that many people wanted to see it repeated at five-year intervals, or even annually. It was the most requested accomplishment people mentioned when I took the Historian post. I sincerely hope it can be part of a renewed and lasting increase in respect for and interest in local history.

Three generations separated the old settlers of the 1870s from their arrival in Chautauqua County. Seven to ten, depending on how you count, separate us from pioneer times. It is a span hard for the human mind to grasp or appreciate. May we rise to the task.

Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs): Know It, Avoid It, Report It

Chautauqua County Health Department Urges Caution Around Local Waterways



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The Chautauqua County Health Department (CCHD) encourages all residents and visitors to stay informed about Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) and to exercise caution when enjoying recreational activities in our lakes. In alignment with its mission and vision, CCHD is committed to preventing water-related illnesses and injuries, promoting safe outdoor recreation, and protecting the health of Chautauqua County’s lakes. While HABs are most commonly seen in mid to late summer across Chautauqua County and New York State, they can occur at any time of year. Conditions on the water can change rapidly, and even a small bloom can quickly grow due to shifting weather patterns and lake currents.

KNOW IT

Blue-green algae, or cyanobacteria, are naturally present in lakes and ponds. When **nutrient-rich runoff**, warm water, and sunshine are present, visible blooms or HABs can form. These HABs often appear as floating scums or rafts and may resemble **pea soup** or **paint spills** in vivid colors such as blue-green, green, yellow, white, brown, purple, or red. Blooms typically form in **nearshore areas**, where conditions are more favorable.

HABs are a public health concern because they may produce **toxins harmful to humans and animals**. People and pets can be exposed by touching, swallowing, or inhaling contaminated water during recreational activities, by using untreated surface water around the home (e.g., for garden watering), or through improperly treated drinking water. Chautauqua County’s major municipal water systems test for toxins when

blooms are detected near their water intakes.

AVOID IT

Jessica Wuerstle, Director of Environmental Health for Chautauqua County, advises the public to take simple but important precautions:

- **Avoid swimming, wading, or boating** in areas with visible blooms, surface scums, or discolored water. This applies to **adults, children, and pets**.
- **Do not fish or eat fish** from waters affected by visible blooms or scums.
- **Obey beach closures**, health advisories, signs, and public notices. Never swim at a beach that is closed.
- **Never use untreated surface water**—with or without a bloom—for drinking, food preparation, cooking, or making ice.

If a person or pet comes into contact with a suspected bloom, **rinse immediately** with clean water. Seek medical attention if symptoms develop, including **nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, skin rashes, allergic reactions, or breathing difficulties**.

REPORT IT

Suspected HABs can be reported for testing to the **New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)**. If you observe a suspicious bloom, you can report it directly through the DEC’s online reporting form at: <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/66337b887ccd465ab7645c0a9c1bc5c0>

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acts along Third Street for Jumpstart, and Face Paint by Patti will return!

Daniel Cecil was once known primarily as a skilled horseman and farrier and has now returned to his first love – music – crafting heartfelt originals and reimagined favorites with a voice and style all his own. Blending sincerity, wit, and a touch of storytelling charm, his performances invite listeners to lean in and connect. Whether it’s a tender ballad or a playful tune, Daniel sings the songs he needs to hear—and chances are, you’ll need to hear them too.

Singer-Songwriter Michael Gerholdt is an engaging storyteller and accomplished fingerstyle guitarist. Located in the Western New York state area, Michael has been entertaining audiences for years with his compositions, musical histories, and guitar playing. His music is a mixture of thoughtfully written ballads, acoustic blues and cross-generational favorites delivered in his soft baritone vocal style and evocative guitar work.

Face painter and cheer bringer, Face Paint by Patti will be back for Jumpstart to Third Thursday, bringing color, magic, and a dash of sparkle to every smile for ages 0 to 100. From whimsical fairies to fierce tigers, Patti transforms faces into stunning mini masterpieces. Known for her professionalism, creativity, and warm personality, she works with guests of all ages to make every party, festival, and celebration truly unforgettable. With a gentle touch and a heart full of joy, Patti’s brush brings imagination to life for everyone she meets.

The FREE Third Thursday concert this month features Damone Jackson Outcome with an opener by The Elektra Kings. Bring a folding chair and enjoy the music at Winter Garden Plaza starting at 6pm.

Join us for First Friday in Westfield September 5

First Friday in Westfield is fun for the whole family! Enjoy open businesses along Main Street along with street vendors, food trucks, live entertainment, and more!

For the third summer in a row this traditional street party in Westfield spills into the street as the CHQ Chamber has secured a permit from the New York State Department of Transportation to close Route 20 in the village during the event. Route 20 (East Main Street) will be temporarily closed to all traffic from Portage (Route 394) to Union Street, with limited traffic from Union to Pearl Street. First Friday will run from 5-8pm, Friday, September 5.

Many thanks to our series sponsors this summer: Brooks-TLC Hospital System/Kaleida Health, AHN Westfield Memorial Hospital, Full Strength Coffee Company, Larson Design Group, and the Village of Westfield.

Save the Date for Business After Hours at Liberty Vineyards

The next CHQ Chamber Business After Hours will be held at Liberty Vineyards & Winery, 2861 Route 20, Sheridan, from 5-6:30 pm on September 11.

Business After Hours is a great opportunity to make new professional connections. Designed as a relaxed networking event, the CHQ Chamber provides a Who’s Who in the Room list for all pre-registered guests. There are complimentary appetizers and a cash bar. Chamber member businesses can send two people at no charge. The cost is just \$10 for non-members or anyone above the two-person limit. We always encourage the exchange of business cards for networking.

This Business After Hours event is sponsored by Liberty Vineyards & Winery, Brooks-TLC Hospital System/Kaleida Health, DFT Communications, LaBella Associates, National Grid, Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union, and by Jamestown Community College, Media One Radio Group, Observer, and The Post-Journal.

Register online now through the web calendar at www.chqchamber.org.

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Have you ever considered becoming a foster parent? The Chautauqua County Department of Mental Hygiene and Social Services’ Home Finding Team invites you to attend a Virtual Foster Parent Orientation on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

This informative session—held entirely online—will give attendees a chance to learn about foster care and adoption programs available in Chautauqua County. You’ll meet members of the Home Finding Team, hear about the requirements and support available to foster families, and have an opportunity to ask questions. No pre-registration is required.

Join the virtual WebEx meeting:

- Meeting Link: tinyurl.com/mtffwnc
- Meeting Number (Access Code): 2870 951 9476
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Foster care provides temporary, safe, and supportive homes for children who cannot remain with their biological families due to abuse, neglect, or other challenging circumstances. These children, ranging in age from infancy to 18, may have unique medical, emotional, or developmental needs. Many are part of sibling groups who would benefit from staying together in one home.

If you're unable to attend but would like more information about foster care or adoption programs, contact Audra Moeller at moellera@chqgov.com or call 716-661-8212. You can also visit www.fosterlovechq.com to learn more.

Interested in bringing this conversation to your community group or organization? Our Home Finding Team is happy to schedule presentations tailored to your group’s needs.



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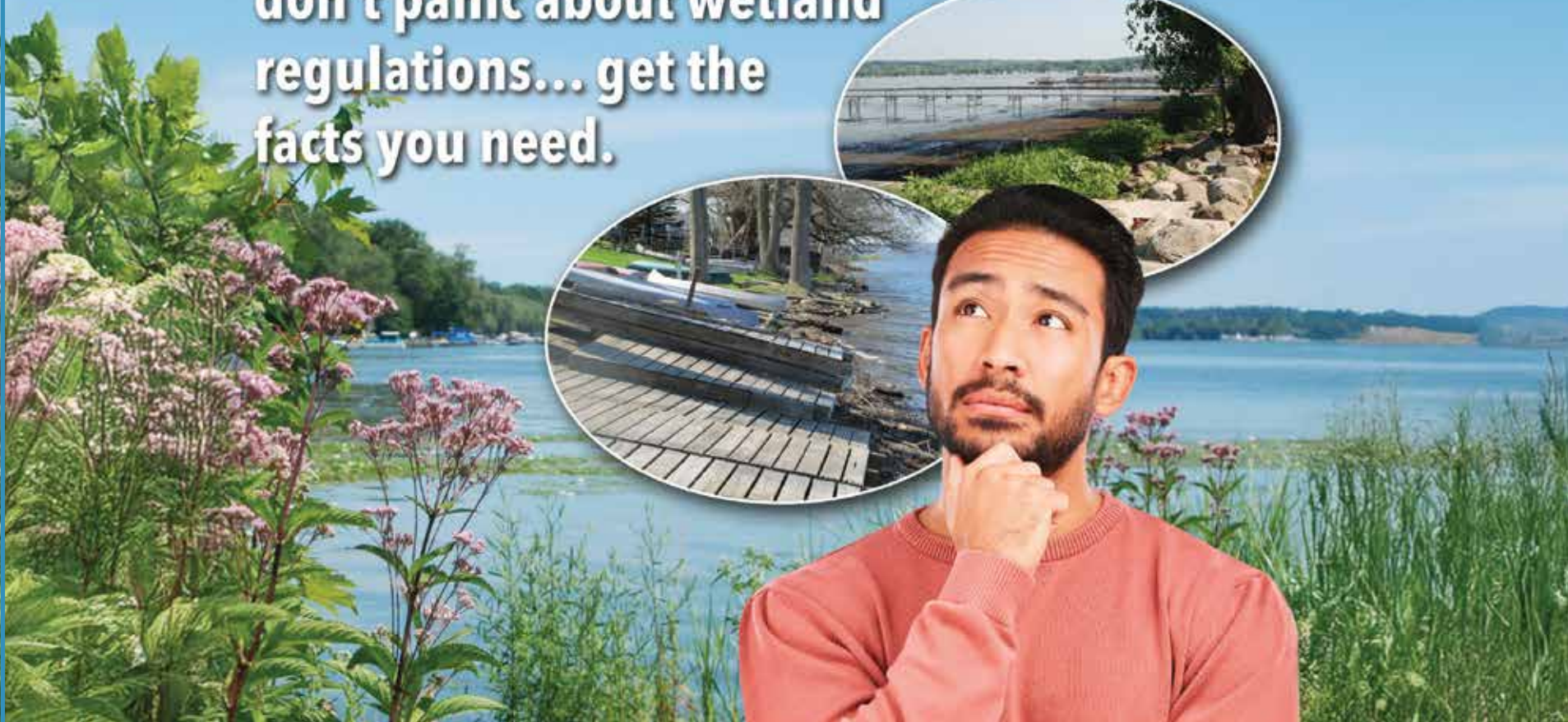
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Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs): Know It, Avoid It, Report It

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opportunities for enjoyment, from scenic views and swimming to fishing, kayaking, and other water activities,” states Public Health Director Lacey Wilson. “While it's important for both residents and visitors to exercise caution when enjoying our waterways, we encourage everyone to experience these natural amenities safely and responsibly.”

ONGOING MONITORING & IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS

New York State and Chautauqua County are actively working to reduce **nutrient pollution**, particularly phosphorus and nitrogen, which contribute to HABs. **Watershed management plans** have been developed for several lakes, including **Chautauqua Lake** and **Findley Lake**. While improvements in water quality are expected over time, results may take several years to be fully realized.

The DEC continues to investigate HAB reports and support research to better understand bloom dynamics and toxin production.

Locally, the Chautauqua County Health Department monitors all **permitted bathing beaches** for both **HABs** and **E. coli** bacteria. Beaches are closed whenever water quality falls below safety standards or a HAB is confirmed, in order to protect public health.

For updates on **beach water quality** and to access additional information about HABs, please visit HealthyCHQ.com.

Stay Informed. Stay Safe. Enjoy CHQLakes.

About Chautauqua County Health Department - The Chautauqua County Health Department is the leading Public Health organization in Chautauqua County dedicated to the support of the community's health. The Health Department takes innovative approaches to provide technical assistance to partner organizations, and offers various programs and services in order to help prevent disease, protect the public's health and promote our community's overall health and wellness. For more information visit www.HealthyCHQ.com.

Chautauqua History in Mayville

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archives also have selected holdings of genealogical material. The walls display numerous framed historical photos of local sites and artifacts. The museum occupies one half of the former Mayville railroad depot. The railroad came to Mayville in 1866. Mayville, the county seat, benefited greatly this new accessibility and transport. By the late 1880s, Lake Chautauqua, with its twenty-odd large resort hotels, its fleet of steam ships, and its rail links to major Eastern cities, became the number one tourist destination in the entire United States! Niagara Falls was offered as a “side trip.”

Currently, Mayville is undergoing revitalization and revival. The village recently received funding to enhance boat launches, improve the waterfront trail system, and

install recreational equipment. Several main street properties have welcomed new businesses. New restaurants have also been launched. Music for Your Mouth and She Sings Café, both offer music-themed dining. The former House on the Hill and Watermark restaurants have been recently purchased, and are slated to reopen. Close by, Webb's Year-Round Resort complex of hotel and miniature golf, was sold, renovated and now open for business. Within the coming year, Tim Hortons is slated to open a new location in the village center. And Mayville now supports its own local food truck, The Best of Buffalo by Byron, often stationed outside the Mayville Depot. With the new kiosk, and other attractions, the Depot once again promises to be a “hot spot” on Lake Chautauqua.

“Remember, remember always, that all of us, and you and I especially, are descended from immigrants and revolutionists.”

- Franklin D. Roosevelt

Chautauqua County Child Support Turns 50 with New Name, Family-First Focus

Rebranded Services Unit aims to empower parents and streamline access with new Online Enrollment Wizard



Contributing Writer
Chautauqua County Child Support Services Unit

Marking 50 years of service, Chautauqua County’s Child Support program has a new name and a renewed commitment to putting families first.

Formerly known as the Child Support Enforcement Unit, the program is now the Child Support Services Unit — reflecting a shift from primarily enforcement to a more family-centered approach focused on supporting, engaging, and empowering parents.

“We are placing a renewed emphasis on the families we serve,” said Carmelo Hernandez, Director of Community Mental Hygiene Services and Commissioner of Social Services. “While enforcement remains a critical tool, our goal is to support engage, and empower parents to meet their financial responsibilities and build brighter futures for their children.”

Since its inception in 1975, the Child Support program has played an important role in ensuring that children receive the financial and emotional support they need to thrive. Over the past five decades, the Child Support program in Chautauqua County has helped thousands of families navigate the child support process – providing services such as establishing parentage/paternity, establishing and modifying child support orders, collection and distribution of payments, and locating absent parents.

With the new name – Child Support Services Unit – the agency signals a more family-centered, service-oriented approach. This change aligns with a broader nationwide trend toward improving outcomes that benefit the entire family.

Another new innovation is the recent release of the Online Enrollment Wizard that provides an opportunity for a more streamlined online child support application process that eliminates the need to visit the office in person or mail in a paper enrollment form. This new feature reduces paperwork and processing time for enrollees. The link for the Online Enrollment Wizard is childsupport.ny.gov/enroll.

“Our mission is not just to enforce obligations, but to help parents overcome barriers and work collaboratively for the best interests of their children,” said Hernandez. “This evolution in our identity and approach reflects the progress of the past 50 years and our vision for the next 50.”

The Chautauqua County Child Support Services Unit invites the community to join in celebrating this important milestone and to learn more about the services and resources available.

For more information, please visit www.childsupport.ny.gov or call 888-208-4485.



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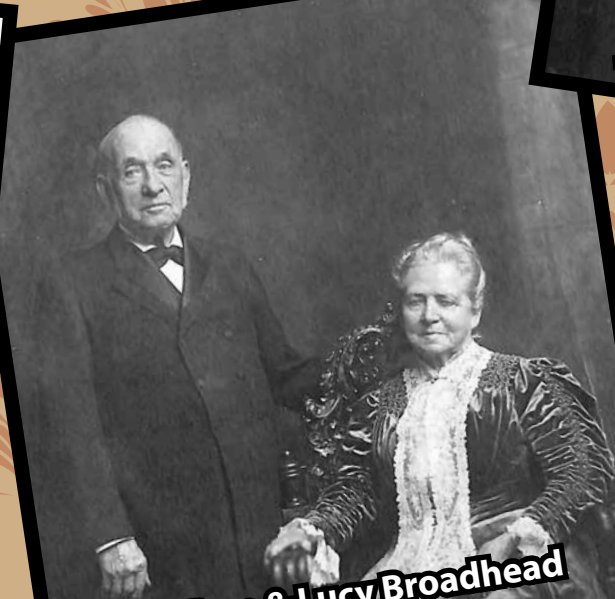
Fun Around Town

From 1810 to 1954

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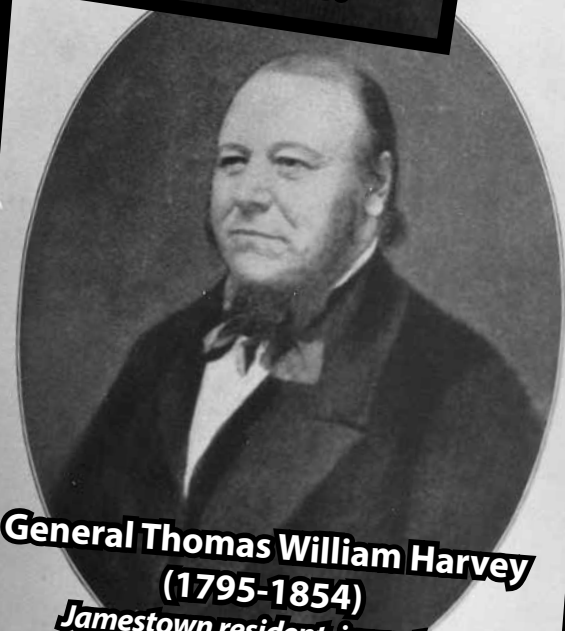


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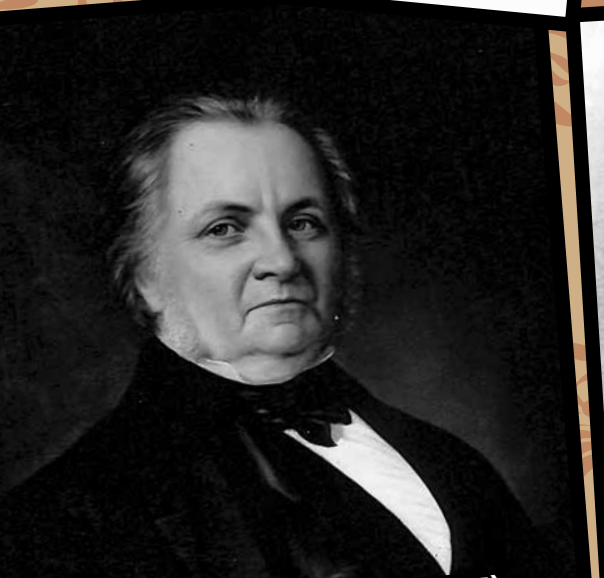


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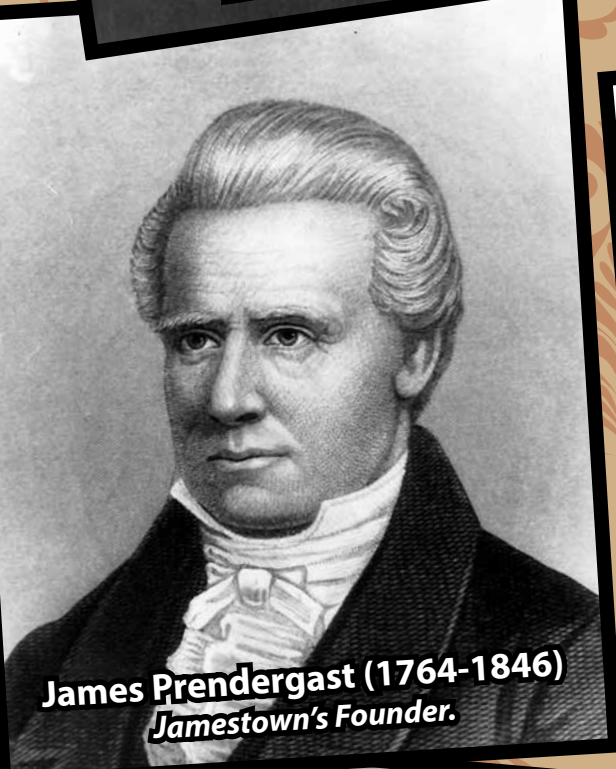
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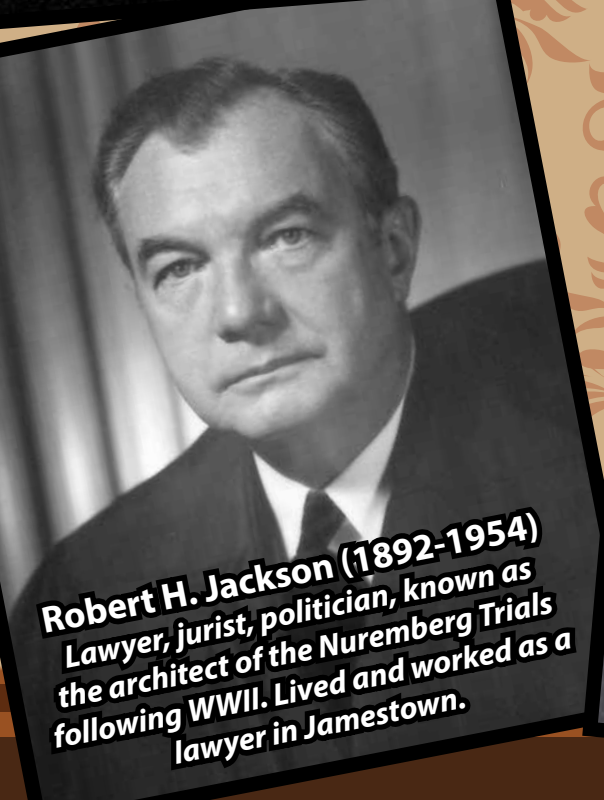
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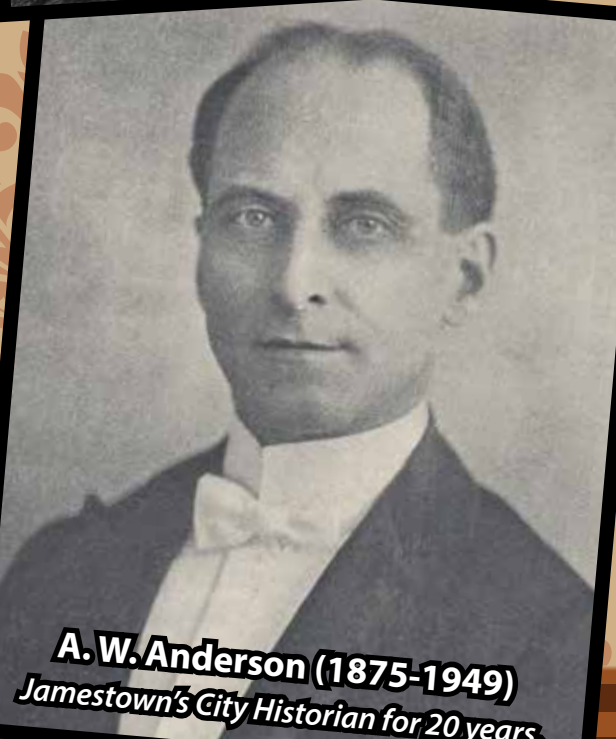
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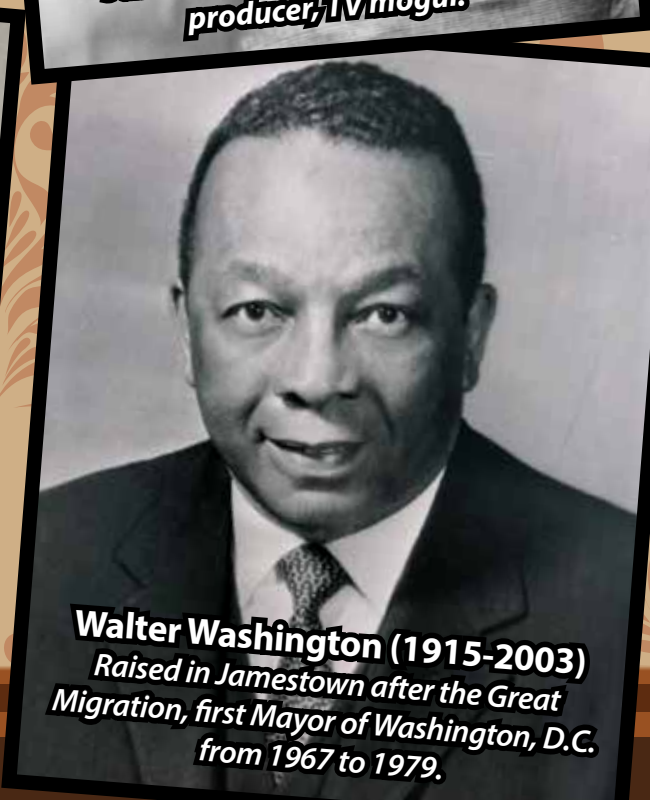
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